

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

November 28, 2012 to December 18, 2012

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal permitting activity to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reviewing an application from Smith Iron and Metal, Inc. for permits required pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (NAO-2012-0854) for proposed impacts to jurisdictional Waters of the United States from the construction of the Bellwood Marine Terminal in Chesterfield County. Smith Iron and Metal, Inc. proposes to mechanically dredge 2.77 acres within a man-made cove (0.32 acres within the James River), construct a 400-foot bulkhead, dry dock, large truck parking and storage on the approximately 32-acre parcel off the James River. The purpose of the project is to construct a marine terminal to allow for barge access; unloading and storage of large recyclable materials and other commodities; and stormwater management. A vegetative buffer will be placed around storage areas to prevent sediment or contaminants from entering the water. The proposed project will impact 0.08 acres of tidal fresh water emergent wetlands, 0.02 acres of palustrine scrub-shrub wetlands, 0.01 acres of tidal fresh water non-vegetated wetlands and 68 linear feet of stream channel. Smith Iron and Metal, Inc. has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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